



THE COUNCIL
City of New Orleans

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Principal of Sophie B. Wright Charter High School
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Mr. Wayne Hardy
Dean of Students - Sophie B. Wright Charter High School
1426 Napoleon Avenue
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April 17, 2019

Mrs. Clark and Mr. Hardy:

We have been monitoring the situation regarding students who are being disciplined for Senior Prank Day at Sophie B. Wright Charter High School. While we do not condone their behavior, we feel that the punishment to disallow students from participating in their graduation ceremony is unduly severe. We respectfully ask that you re-consider this decision.

Walking across the graduation stage is a once in a lifetime experience. For some of these students, they will be the first in their families to make this walk. Instead of denying them this monumental moment, we recommend that the students should be urged to volunteer their time to any of the countless non-profits doing positive work throughout our city.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Jason Williams, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' and 'W'.

Jason Williams
New Orleans City Council, President

A black ink signature of Helena Moreno, featuring a stylized 'H' and 'M'.

Helena Moreno
New Orleans City Council, Vice-President